

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

By way of this Amendment, the subject matter recited in Claim 10 has been incorporated into independent Claim 9, and the subject matter set forth in Claim 17 has been added to independent Claim 16. In addition, Claims 10, 11 and 17 have been cancelled. In light of the statement in the Official Action that Claims 1, 2 and 4-8 are allowed and that Claims 10 and 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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